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Dear friends and family,

Greetings from Romania! I trust this note finds you doing well. Here we are "enjoying" a cold spell. For the past few weeks we have had temperatures as low as -24°C (-11°F) and more snow than I have ever seen in the past 10 years I've lived in Romania. The kids have thoroughly enjoyed our "winter wonderland".



Cristi is ready to go sledding



Razvan had never been sledding before. He loved it!



Elvi loves the snow!

I wanted to share with you some of the pictures from our Christmas celebration. Christmastime is a very busy time of year with practices, packs and programs. This year was no exception. There were hours of practices with the church kids and youth group, we had several special Christmas church services and of course we were able to make packs for so many needy children and youth.



Marius making a snow angel



Larisa and Razvan working hard (check out the packs that are already made on the table behind them)



Denisa and Marius working together



Georgi adding goodies to the pack Elvi is making

First I want to say a big "THANK YOU" to Lebanon God's Missionary Church for their very generous donation. Again this year this church family gave sacrificially so we could make Christmas extra special for so many. May God bless you for your gift!

For the past several years the children from the House of Hope have helped to make our Christmas packs. The kids are thrilled to be part of helping others in need. All of the orphans know what it's like to live in poverty and it wasn't too long ago when they would have been thrilled to receive a bag full of goodies along with a bar of soap, shampoo, laundry detergent, lotion and other health and beauty aid items. I think you can tell by their faces that they thoroughly enjoyed helping.



Tibi helping Pastor Marcel with the packs



Cristi, Alex and Marius happy to be part of making packs

The orphans of course also received a few special Christmas gifts. This year I asked the kids to make a list of what they wanted for Christmas. As I was looking over the list I noticed first that each child had only asked for one, maybe two items. How many kids do you know that asked for just one thing for Christmas? The other thing I noticed was what Denisa had asked for. Denisa who will be 13 this year, asked for a baby doll. I was kind of surprised by her request but she came up to me and said, "Sally, I have never had a baby doll and that's what I want for Christmas". So this year, because of the generosity of so many, Denisa received her first new baby doll. I think you can tell by the pictures that she was thrilled with her gift as were all the kids. Thank you so much for your giving! These are lives that are changed.



I asked for a guitar. Now I have to learn to play it.



Look what I got



Check out my new toys



Thank you for my first baby doll. She even talks



Did you see my new fire station? The sirens work and everything



I got a tool set with a drill. I love it!



Getting ready for the Christmas program



The shepherds at the manger



The kids singing for Christmas



Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

This year the children again did a wonderful job on the Christmas play. The church was full of visitors who came to see their child, grandchild, niece or nephew be part of our special program. Our prayer is that each person who attended our services will come to know Jesus as their personal Savior.



Handing out Christmas packs



Caroling with the youth

The youth group also was involved in our Christmas celebrations. We had a special night of singing with several other young people from local churches and we also were able to carol several evenings to the shut-ins throughout the village. It was a wonderful time of celebrating the birth of Jesus.



Giving out some goodies for Christmas



Fellowshipping together after one of our special nights of singing

I wanted to let you know that I plan to be in the states this summer for deputation. My first service is scheduled for May 20th at my home church, Beavertown God's Missionary Church and I already have several other services scheduled throughout the summer.



Merry Christmas!



My plan is to be traveling from May 20th until the middle of August. I haven't been on deputation since 2009, so we have a lot of catching up to do. I would love to share with you and your church family about what God has been doing here in Romania.

I have again asked my mother to help with scheduling, so many of you should be hearing from her in the near future. She does a wonderful job of scheduling and it makes it a little easier to have someone in America who people can call directly. If you would be interested in having me come for a missionary service, you can either e-mail me at sallysebo@gmail.com with your contact information, or you can call my

mother Luella Sebo at 570-421-6824 and she will get back to you about scheduling a missionary service. I hope to see as many of you as possible.

As many of you know, our monthly support for the House of Hope has dropped over the past few years. While on deputation this summer I plan to share this ongoing concern with God's people and pray that these needs will be met. However, as of this month, we do not have enough in the House of Hope account to cover all of next month's expenses. This is a major concern for me and I am praying that God will supply our needs. If you feel God directing you to give to the House of Hope, please send your donation to H.I.M. clearly marked, "House of Hope". Over the years you have been so faithful in praying and giving for this ongoing work. My prayer is that God will continue to bless you for all that you do for these precious children in Romania.

In His Service,

Sally Sebo